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SUBJECT: TAPLINE PROBLEMS IN JORDAN

REF: AMMAN 794

1. DISCUSSED REFTEL SUBJECT TODAY WITH ARAMCO VP ELASS, WHO ALSO DIRECTOR TAPLINE. WHILE HE ADDED LITTLE NEW, FOLLOWING MAY BE OF INTEREST.

2. POSSIBILITY ADDITIONAL 600 TONS PER DAY IS ONLY LEVERAGE TAPLINE HAS WITH GOJ TO EXTRACT PAYMENT FOR DELIVERIES SINCE 1970. UNLESS SUBSTANTIAL PAYMENT MADE, ARAMCO UNWILLING INCREASE DELIVERIES

3. YAMANI FIRM ON NO DISCOUNTING, REBATES, EXEMPTIONS, ETC., EVEN THOUGH IRAQ, LIBYA, AND ALGERIA DOING SO. ELASS AGREED SIMPLEST SOLUTION WOULD BE FOR SAG TO GIVE GRANT OR LOAN TO GOJ TO SETTLE DEBT AND PAY GOING PRICE. ELASS FELT DIRECT GOJ-SAG CONTACTS
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BEST WAY ARRANGE FUNDING. ELASS ALSO MADE REFERENCE TO FUND SET

UP TO ASSIST ARAB STATES BUY OIL (SEE PAR. 2 JIDDA 'S 826).

4. ONLY ONE TANKER LOADED SIDON IN JANUARY AND NO SUBSEQUENT
NOMINATIONS RECEIVED. MORE AND MORE THOUGHT BEING GIVEN TO
POSSIBILITY
CLOSING TAPLINE. WHEN SUEZ CANAL OPENS, TANKER RATES LIKELY FALL
EVEN MORE, FURTHER INCREASING DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TAPLINE AND
TANKER TRANSPORTATION COSTS. FYI: THOUGHT ALSO BEING GIVEN TO USING
TAPLINE AS PART OF PIPELINE TO RED SEA. END FYI.
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